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Hongkong, 1st November, 1891.

BIRTH.  
At Tientsin, on the 9th Nov., 1891, the wife of  
JOHN H. OSBORNE, of a son.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1891.

ONCE AGAIN.

A FREE advertisement for our very

own particular friends; BUTTERFIELD and

SWIRE:—

TO THE OFFICERS OF THE CHINA NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

"There appears to be an impression that the

various bonuses granted by the Company are

irrevocable and form part of the ordinary wages

of the employees, we will be glad if you will

bear in mind that the bonuses are granted solely

at the discretion of the Company, who

reserve to themselves the power, at any time,

without entering into explanation, to reduce

or withhold them. The discretion will not be

arbitrarily applied, as may be gathered from

past experience."

This feeble exhibition of ungrammatical

hash, signed by BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE as

agents for the China Navigation Co., has

been sent to all the officers of that

Company's fleet in these waters. It seems

a great pity that such an eminent firm as

BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE, directed by such a

heaven-born genius as EDWIN MACKINTOSH,

couldn't find somebody capable of com-

posing half a dozen simple lines in the

English language without perpetrating

almost twice as many grammatical

blunders. It seems a still greater pity

that the heaven-born genius just referred

to, so far forgot the respect which employer

owes to employé, no matter how wide

the difference in social rank, as to address

the officers of the China Navigation Com-

pany, Limited, as if they had been so many

dogs. They are not addressed as

"Gentlemen," nor yet "Dear Sirs;" they

are not considered worthy of being

addressed as ordinary human beings;

they have hurried at them, as if they

were mere coolies, the *ipse dixit* of

BUTTERFIELD and SWIRE, or EDWIN

MACKINTOSH, in language which any half-

educated school-boy would blush to own,

the most insulting and arbitrary exercise

of an imaginary absolute power that we

have come across for years. Politeness

costs nothing, but it is nevertheless worth

untold gold.

And what is there actually in the circular

after it has been carefully analysed?

Absolutely nothing. It is childish vanity,

as full of harmless wind and sound

as the empty skull of the man who com-

posed it. But it is nevertheless a direct

and gratuitous insult to the whole of the

officers in the China Navigation Co.'s

service. In Australia, under similar cir-

cumstances, every officer in the Company

would have 'come out' until the obnoxious

circular was withdrawn, as ample

apology offered, and a reasonable and

reliable understanding arrived at. In the

Far East that standard of independence

has not yet been reached; but they are

getting near it, dangerously near it, as

shipping companies and ship-owners of

the B. and S. type will know to their cost

before long.

All this, of course, is the outcome of the

Wiltshire scandal. We should like to

know in what spirit this wonderful circular

has been received by the officers of the

China Navigation Co., Ltd.

TELEGRAMS.

THE CHILIAN PRESIDENTSHIP.

LONDON, November 17th.

All parties in Chile have nominated Mr. Jorge

Montt for President of the Chilean Republic.

A CORRESPONDENT EXPELLED.

The police have expelled from Russia the

correspondent of the *Illustrated London News*.

THE CITY OF CORK ELECTION.

November 17th.

Mr. Flavin, anti-Parnellite, has been elected

M.P. for Cork city, defeating Mr. John Redmond,

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Esch* arrived at Ichang on the 9th inst.

Mr. TAO PING LUO, 1st Chinese Consul at

Singapore, arrived here by the French mail.

H.M.S. *Archer* was at Wuhu and the *Zinnst*

en route to Hankow, according to latest advices

from the North.

An Australian paper states that £64,450 worth

of silver was yielded by the Barrier mines the

other week.

THE ordinary weekly meeting of the Mercantile

Maritime Officers' Association has been postponed

until 9 p.m. to-morrow.

ADMIRAL Richards, commander-in-chief of the

British squadron in the Far East, is expected in

Shanghai on the 25th inst.

THE hearing of the *Minkun v. Fraser*.

*Smith* libel suit has been fixed for Wednesday

the 2nd December, at 10.30 a.m.

THE first furnace in China for the manufacture

of cast steel, after Siemens' system, was opened

recently at the Kiangnan Arsenal.

THE steamer *Yacht Bellefleur*, Admiral E. R.

Willis, with a select company of kindred spirits

(naked) left here this morning for her usual annual

carnival up the Pearl River. They will have a

"good time."

THE steamer *Elia*, which was chartered by the

British Government in connection with the

Chinese Vols in the North, has hauled down the

Union Jack and resumed her original status as a

merchant vessel.

THE *Mercury's* Taku correspondent, writing on

the 12th inst., says:—"Things are very quiet

here, and very little doing—quite an unusual

occurrence for this time of year. All vessels

seem to be coming in with but half of their usual

cargo."

THE Bishop of Exeter, who is now in Hongkong

on his way home from Japan, will stay here a

few days, and will preach on Sunday next (2nd)

in the morning at the Cathedral, eleven o'clock

service, and in the evening at St. Peter's

St. James's Church, at half past six.

THE steamship *Fukuh*, on arriving at Shanghai

on the 16th inst., reported having passed the

China Navigation Co.'s steamer *Pekin* ashore

near San-shi-wan Point, about ten miles below

Wuhu. The *Pekin* appeared to be badly

grounded, and very high up on the bank.

OUR Shanghai contemporary the *Mercury*

points out that the well-known China race-pony

Home Guard has started in 25 races, won eight,

been placed second in thirteen, and third in four.

This is a sterling record, but Home Guard was

unlucky to have had to meet throughout his

career such equine giants as Zephyr and Hero.

THE Austrian Lloyd's has resolved to increase

its number of voyages to the East, and for this

purpose to provide itself with a number of new

vessels. Two of these large fast sailing

steamers, destined for the Indian service, are

being ordered in England at the price of

£150,000, each and four will be built of Austrian

steel at the Lloyd's wharf at Trieste. The

former (two screw-steamers) must be delivered

in six months.

THE Relief of Lucknow has, according to the

latest home papers, been celebrated recently by

a dinner in London, at which Sir Henry

Havelock Allan proposed the health of the

officers now surviving who took part in that

heroic struggle. It is particularly interesting

to note that one of the youngest subalterns in

Havelock's column is now Major-General Digby

Barker, Commander of the Forces and Adminis-

trator of Government in Hongkong.

WRITING on the 13th inst., the Ningpo cor-

respondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* says:—

"Outside of the excitement caused by the wreck

of the *Ichang* there is nothing of particular note.

The Chinese gun-vessel *Chao Wu* has once

more returned to this port, her proper station.

The British gunboat *Albatross* was here for a few

days last week and helped us to refresh our

memories as to what a naval engine is like; a

consideration, for which we ought to be extremely

thankful, but which we ought to be extremely

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THE *Bangkok Times* understands that an action

for malicious libel has been entered in the

German Consular Court against Mr. R. Eggle,

late proprietor of the *Siam Mercantile Gazette*.

IMPORTANT additions, says *Fairplay*, are about

to be made to the Japanese Navy, the Minister

of Marine having decided to build eleven iron-

clads at a cost of £500,000. It is anticipated

that a large share of this work will be entrusted

to British shipbuilders. There are four iron-

clads now being constructed in France for

the Japanese Royal Navy.

A SYDNEY dramatic critic says the fact that







